



## **Flagstaff Police Department**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Flagstaff Police Officers Make Arrest in Connection with Hardy Fire**

*Flagstaff AZ*, Flagstaff Police Officers and Detectives arrested 54 year old Randall Wayne Nicholson of California for (Burning of a Wild-land) a class 2 misdemeanor, in connection with the Hardy Fire. Investigators believe that Nicholson was camping in the area where the fire originated and constructed a small fire for the purpose of cooking on Saturday June 19, 2010 prior to the ignition of the Hardy Fire.

Judging from physical evidence and witness statements it is believed the suspect dumped hot coals from his camp fire underneath an open grill on the ground. Mr. Nicholson was transported to the Coconino County Detention Facility where he is being held on a \$2,500 bond.

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